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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Atty. Dkt. 249-187

Date: August 6, 2001

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**MANUFACTURING METHOD OF POSITIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, NICKEL  
ELECTRODE USING THE SAME MATERIAL AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY USING THE SAME NICKEL  
ELECTRODE**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract

30 pages of specification and claims (including 7 numbered claims), and

0 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:**Application Number****Country****Day/Month/Year Filed**

2000-239698

JAPAN

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.☐ The prior application is assigned to \_\_\_\_\_☐ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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